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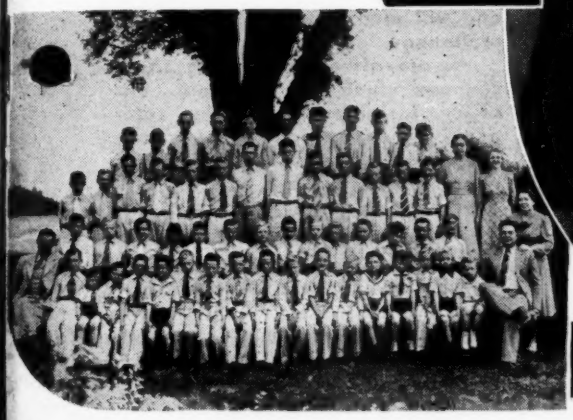

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Louisiana Camp Meeting and Convention

The Louisiana camp meeting and convention will convene at Covington, La., June 25-July 6. Begin now to make arrangements to attend this great feast of twelve days. We are expecting this to be the greatest camp meeting and convention ever held in the state of Louisiana. The St. Tammany Parish has donated the entire fair ground to us for this great feast. There is plenty of camping ground. Bring your tents, trailers. There is good sleeping quarters at the campground, if you will bring your blankets and pillows. The overseers of other states are cordially invited to attend. We are expecting Brother H. L. Chesser, overseer of Alabama, to be with us. Our General Overseer, J. H. Walker, will be with us for the convention. Every minister attending this camp meeting and convention will be expected to be ready to preach on short notice day or night. We will be looking for you at the camp meeting.—Albert H. Batts, overseer of Louisiana.

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District Convention

The Elkins, W. Va., district convention will convene at Elkins, W. Va., June 20, 21, inclusive. A. J. Gardner, district pastor.

Healed

GRACEMONT, Okla.—Praise God for healing my ankle which I turned and could not walk and with which I surely was suffering. Pray for us that my husband will have power to overcome the opposing powers of Satan.—Mrs. Oscar Henson.

A PROPHECY FULFILLED

"It can be done" is a prophecy which recently appeared in this paper. The prophecy was uttered in regard to the Evangel drive and contest. Workers all over the country are on the job proving it by sending in large lists of subscriptions. How does your church stand? How does your district stand? How does your state stand? How will they stand on July 21? Subscription price $1.00 during this contest.

WORK! WORK! WORK!

The Lord Provided

WOODRUFF, S. C.—I praise the Lord for salvation. God called me to preach ten years ago but old Satan has thrown every stumbling block he could in my way, but I have kept praying and would preach every time I could. Praise His holy name, He has opened a way and a place for me to preach every Sunday. A dear lady and her husband have thrown open their doors to me and I am having service there every Sunday. Please pray for me and my work there and for this dear woman and her husband for they are surely hungry for God. Pray for my husband to give up two bad habits.

If anyone desires to know anything about me, you may write Brother J. M. Dean, my pastor, Spartanburg, S. C., Rt. 2, c/o Saxon Mills. I am a member of the Switzer Church of God.—Mrs. Palliestine Jennings, Rt. 3.

New Church Set In Order

A new church was set in order May 17, 1941, at Broderick, Calif., by our state overseer, Rev. Benge. The power and divine presence of our Lord was certainly in the meeting.

Sixteen were taken into the church and three ministers set forth. Sister Archie West was put in as church clerk.

Brother and Sister Benge were accompanied by the Southern Quartet, four young girls who have certainly dedicated their lives to the service of the Lord. We were so inspired and felt the sweet spirit of our Savior during their singing and testimonies.

We thank God for our pastor, Sister Vernie Mercer, who has labored faithfully in starting this new work here, also for Brother and Sister E. L. Mitchell, who are laboring with us, Sister Ethel Crowner, a faithful mission worker, who has several missions, a printing press and a Bible school, came into our church here in Broderick, for which we thank God. We want to build a new church here, so please pray much for our work. Also pray for our pastor, that God will carry her through as she has been going through hard trials and testings the last two months. We are very grateful to God for such a fine, humble man as our state overseer, Rev. I. L. Benge, who proved a great blessing to all while here.—Sister Archie West, clerk, Rt. 4, Box 2511, Sacramento, Calif.

Church of God at Pratt City, Ala. Special Wire

Quotas all paid, seven new Sunday school rooms complete, pastor's study. Have broken past record. Minister united with church broadcasting each day. Interest, enthusiasm, finance high.—Rev. A. M. Phillips, pastor.

Hobbs, N. Mex., Over the Top

HOBBS, N. Mex.—The Church of God is moving along fine. We are over the top with our church program, both headquarters and the preachers' meeting recommendations. We have taken in eighteen members since the last Assembly. We feel that there is a great work to be done here for the Lord. The church is in good fellowship; all are working together with pastor and wife.

We just closed a revival with Brother Vail, of Hot Springs, doing the preaching. His good messages surely fed our souls. Several were saved and sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. The church gave Brother Vail a big welcome back any time he came. The Lord has surely blessed our labor since we came here nearly two years ago and if it is the Lord's will we would be glad to stay another year.—W. M. Ford, pastor, 205 S. Morris St.

The nice packages of coupons which have been coming into our office daily is proof that some of our good ministers and members have been "making hay while the sun shines." This is so much appreciated and will mean a great deal to the orphanage.

We are already preparing these coupons which have reached our office, for shipment to the company, but if you find that you have overlooked some that you might have, before the 15th, you will still have time to get them to us before we mail this shipment, which will be the 30th of June.

REMEMBER THE ORPHANS!

Perilous Times

EDD COX

Text, "This know also, that in the *last days perilous times* shall come," 2 Tim. 3:1.

The apostle Paul looked down through the scope of time and saw the day in which we are living, and he describes it as a time that is DANGEROUS. The word "perilous" in the text means "dangerous," and, according to the text, in the last days there are to be DANGEROUS TIMES.

I am sure that all sane people can see that we are now living in the last days. Yes, many things today are pointing to the SOON COMING OF CHRIST. The message from the pulpit has been ringing out from time to time that Jesus is soon coming. More or less, people have turned the message away. With all the religious training we have today, which is the most that the world ever had, still the world is on the downward road at a fast speed. Yes, the apostle Paul said that wicked men SHALL wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. Of a truth this is plain to us in these days in which we live. In these last days of PERILOUS times the devil IS now working with all his wiles to overthrow every Christian. He has always been on the job but in these last days he is dropping his modern bombs.

By the modern bombs of the devil we mean that the devil has his ministers out today in a high-powered way, being worldly-wise, shrewd, experienced philosophers, or as the apostle Paul said, "Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth," 2 Tim. 3:7.

Paul said again, to the Romans, "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple," Rom. 16:17, 18. Notice, GOOD WORDS and FAIR SPEECHES. Yes, a high-powered, WORLDLY KNOWLEDGE! They cannot speak the truth of God for they know not God, BECAUSE THE CARNAL MIND IS ENMITY AGAINST GOD: FOR IT IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE LAW OF GOD, NEITHER INDEED CAN BE. Rom. 8:7. Now we see from this that those educated, worldly-wise, sophisticated ministers and their members are not safe to follow.

One great religious leader said a few days ago, that he had rather have a man in the pulpit with a good education and not the Spirit of God than to have a man in the pulpit with the Spirit and no education. We find Jesus quite different from this great religious leader. Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel," etc. Luke 4:18. Notice, THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME . . . HE HATH ANOINTED ME.

The bombs that fall from the mouth of those godless, high-minded philosophers are DANGEROUS. They will cause some to swerve from the truth, and overthrow the faith of some. Of this Paul warns the true followers of Christ. "Beware lest any man spoil you through PHILOSOPHY and VAIN DECEIT, after the TRADITION OF MEN, after the RUDIMENTS OF THE WORLD, and NOT AFTER CHRIST," Col. 2:8. "Let no man BEGUILE you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, VAINLY PUFFED UP BY HIS FLESHLY MIND, and not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God," vs. 18, 19.

Jesus said THEY would compass both land and sea to make one proselyte. It is not Christlike followers or Christians that they are trying to make for they know not God themselves. They are minus the Spirit and think that those who have the Spirit are crazy. The devil is a sly old serpent. He would have you believe that the Bible said for us to go and hear all and take that which is good, but the Bible doesn't say that. It says, PROVE ALL THINGS, HOLD FAST THAT WHICH IS GOOD. To prove all things would mean to weigh them in the light of God's Word. These skilful philosophers often try to explain the Bible away. This brings us to the scripture in 1 Cor. 2:4, 5, "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." Paul told the people at Corinth that he came not to demonstrate his education with enticing words of men's wisdom but in DEMONSTRATION OF THE SPIRIT, AND OF POWER. Why? That your faith should not stand in the WISDOM OF MEN, but in the POWER OF GOD.

These days are dangerous times, yes, perilous times. I have an article written by a great religious leader. He was turning out some young men to preach and he was instructing them. "I presume that you boys are going out to preach and I don't want to hear of your saying anything about the blood of Jesus. My father was a butcher and I saw all the blood I wanted to see when I was a boy." It is sad but true that our world today has plenty of religious leaders of this type. Peter said they would deny the Lord that bought them. Many are turning to their pernicious ways BECAUSE THE WAY OF TRUTH IS EVIL SPOKEN OF. One may be a great orator and yet not be called and anointed of the Lord. What made Jesus great was the anointing. He said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath ANOINTED ME to PREACH THE GOSPEL." Luke 4:18. Jesus said again in John 17:18, "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." Notice that as He was sent into the world so He sent them into the world, and He had the ANOINTING OF THE SPIRIT. It is not enough just to be an orator, but to have success and win for God one must have the anointing of the Holy Ghost. That's why we are in such dangerous times, our land and country is filled with great orators, filled with worldly wisdom, who know nothing about God, men who trust only in their own wisdom. "He that trusteth in his own heart is a FOOL," Prov. 28:26. This is none other than the spirit of the antichrist, leading people to deny the blood of Jesus and the old time way of salvation. They have torn down the altars and turned God out of their churches and will at last join hand in hand with the antichrist and say, "Who is like unto the beast (antichrist)? who is able to make war with him?" Rev. 13:4.

I know that as we look at the term "perilous times," we think of the wars and fighting and the undermining works of the devil to slay and murder the human family, and it can be used from that point of view, but I am using this subject in the opposite. I think of the SPIRITUAL DANGERS in the world that derail the Christians and use their power in making the sinner blinded and driving him farther from God. Thus John said, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world," 1 John 4:1.

We know that Hitler and his coworkers with their millions of forces are giving the whole world a shake, but with all the wars that may exist they are only the murderers of the body. We will agree that this is bad indeed but the damning of a soul, that part that will live for ever and ever, is worse. Note, "Many FALSE PROPHETS ARE GONE OUT INTO THE WORLD." Thus Buddhism with its 150,180,000 members denies the existence of God or the immortality of the soul. Hinduism with its 230,150,000 members teaches that one may live 100 times. Russellism (Judge Rutherford)

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Editorially Speaking

Danger In Familiarity IT has been said that there is great danger in familiarity and somehow this seems to be true, both in our everyday natural life and many times in those things that pertain to our spirituality. People who were born and reared in the mountains fail to recognize and appreciate the beauty of mountain scenery. It is those who live afar off on the plains that take tourist trips to view the grandeur and enjoy the majestic imposition of the great mountain peaks. Those who were born and reared amid the ancient works of art and architecture fail to see anything of special interest in them. Seeing them day by day they are just some of those things with which they are surrounded and make no particular impression upon their minds. I was born in the State of Florida and many times passed by that historic old city of St. Augustine but because of its close proximity to where I lived I never took its historic greatness as anything of interest. I lived in sixty miles of Mesa Verde Park and never realized the value of a visit to the old Aztec ruins until after I had moved more than 2,000 miles away. But after having overlooked all of those things which make up the earlier history of our country, I took a trip to Italy, Greece, Palestine, and Egypt to view the ruins of bygone civilization.

I wonder if today there are many people who have right before their eyes those beautiful things which are awe-inspiring, of deep significance, of intellectual and spiritual interest, should we open our eyes to perceive them instead of through the familiarity of their losing the great blessing which might flow from them and the inspiration which might come from making close observations. We are told of an artist who desired to paint a picture to be called "The Sea Urchin." "I made many studies of the sea for that picture," the artist said. "I had indicated the wind by the shapes of the flying foam. Now I wanted my figure but I could not find him, yet I was in a sea village among sea folks." "The children," he went on to say, "were browned by the sea but they were unimaginative; as a matter of fact they knew the sea too well." They were so familiar with it that the wonder and grandeur of it never moved them, so he went to London. In the slums he found a child who had never seen the sea. He took the child home, pictured the sea to him, told him of the strange voices that cry in the storm, of the croon of its lullaby as it rocks itself to sleep. At last he was rewarded by seeing the wonder and the mystery of the sea awakened in the child's eyes. We therefore conclude that familiarity is itself a danger.

The people of Nazareth who saw the daily walk of Jesus as He was in and out of the carpenter shop were the first to reject Him as Christ. The gospel story has had its most glorious triumphs in lands far distant from the land that gave it its birth and has glowed in the eyes which have never rested upon Galilee. The most glowing testimonies that come to us are from those who do not have the privilege of attending every Sunday service, who when they do have an opportunity, walk for miles to hear a gospel sermon. Yes, sometimes familiarity is a danger. Those who have the great privileges that we here enjoy should be receptive, observant, and aspirant to the great things and greater things which are offered constantly in our own sphere of life.

God Give Us Shepherds!

Mrs. F. M. Renner

God give us shepherds!
Staunch, fearless, brave and true;
Men who for right will stand
E'en though with them stand few;
Men who would dare oppose, should right demand,
A dearest friend.

God give us shepherds!
Men who will lay the blame
Where blame should lie, not prey
Upon the just; defame,
And then pat sinners on the back and say,
"You're doing fine!"

God give us shepherds!
Men who will not be moved
By subtile maidens fair,
Whose lustful eyes have proved
That they would fain entice, mislead, ensnare,
And bring disgrace.

God give us shepherds!
Men who will dare to keep
The Church a holy thing,
Not for mad wolves, but sheep;
Men who, with faith secure, to God will cling,
And travel on.

Religion or No Religion THERE are certain times when songs and other compositions are met by the fact that they are for a religious or patriotic purpose. Our copyright and patent laws have been made to protect those who were indulging in commercial activities and industrial enterprises, against competition in those things which are thus used. It has been thought by some that anything which would be a moral or religious uplift to the country should not be copyrighted. However, even though they are copyrighted, they may prove a blessing when such a protection has been used to the honor and glory of God.

In the recent fight between the ASCAP and BMI over the case of certain copyrights, songs and pieces of music, it is very unfortunate that old, sacred, inspirational and devotional hymns should be involved. It is also unfortunate that patriotic songs, especially those that awaken a sense of the religious tolerance of our nation, should be banned from the air or the printed page where it might especially stimulate Christianity and Christian patriotism.

A recent telegram to ASCAP, asking for permission to print the words of the chorus of "God Bless America" on the front page of the Lighted Pathway brought this response: "Regret we cannot permit you to reprint any part of our copyright property entitled *God Bless America*, whether the words or the music."

An application for permission in a religious magazine makes no difference. Christianity is treated as non-Christianity and all must be fed from the same spoon,—patriots and non-patriots, American and communist alike. But the words "God Bless America" cannot be copyrighted and any child of God may breathe that prayer and ask that God's blessings be upon this our land which gives us religious liberty and freedom. Yea, and may we all say it and mean it from the depths of our hearts, "God bless America."

Let's Go You cannot fnd it in business, industry, politics, or religion. It is not there. A hen is the only creature on earth that can sit still and produce dividends.

Great Deliverance

I feel deeply impressed to write how God delivered me out of a very deep well which is said to be seventy feet deep. I stepped up to the well and the ceils underneath gave way and there I went like a ball into that deep well. No one knew I was in there. It had a good curb and lid which was closed. I began to call on God and cry for help. Of course, I knew how to swim but could do nothing but tread water in that narrow well, and oh, how hard to swim and cry for help too. Finally my daughter heard a funny noise and went to see about me. She and my mother began to cry for help. My husband was on his way to work, but we live near high school and they soon got several of the teachers and students and they began to plan how to get me out. Now by this time I had found a little something to cling to, just enough to lift me partly out of the water. The water must have been thirty feet deep, but when I called on God He was near me. I asked Him to help and deliver me and, of course, husband and mother both were Church of God people and were praying. When they would cry I would tell them just to pray. Some said it must have been thirty or forty minutes before they got me out. They got some ropes and looped them and let them to me. They got some large flash lights and looked down at me. One of the teachers who was looking with a light said, "I can't see her any place." I said, "I am still here." I would feel my strength almost gone and then God would lift me up again. I put those ropes around me and they pulled me up those old caved rock walls, but that didn't hurt me one bit. Of course, I was skinned and bruised, fingernails torn off, fractured shoulder and a stretched nerve in my arm.

The first thing when I got out the people wanted to rush me to a hospital or call a doctor. I said, "No, God has brought me out of that well and I am going to trust Him, if I have to be an invalid," and thank God, I did trust Him, although for six weeks I suffered, couldn't use my arm, couldn't raise it up. One night all were in bed but me. I was sitting on the bed, couldn't sleep, and someone drove up to the door and called me. It was my nephew who said, "My wife is under conviction and wants you and Perry to pray for her." The Lord spoke and said, "I will heal you too." Thank God, He did and saved, sanctified and filled my nephew's wife with the Holy Ghost. I have been using my arm ever since.

I just couldn't understand why this happened. I began to ask God why and He said, "You are my witness; I want you to be a bolder witness." I had been too quiet. Most all my neighbors are unbelievers of holiness, but I had about forty-two different women to visit me and wanted to hear me tell about it. They had to confess it was God. They came after my picture to be put in the paper and the Spirit said, "No, don't give it to them." I never, for the devil hates divine healing. The paper stated I was rushed to a hospital and a lot of untrue things. I am glad God knows all things. This has helped my faith. Many times when things happen I can look back and say, "Lord, I know you can do all things." One poor old man and a sister came about fifteen miles to see me. I said, "Why did you come?" He had always been very wicked, never had accepted Christ in his life. He said, "I heard about you and I just wanted to come to see and hear you tell about this." He had already looked in the well. He looked at me with tears in his eyes and said, "I know it was Daniel's God who brought you out of there." This man has already gone on to meet his reward. A Methodist preacher came with a rope and asked me if I cared if he measured the well. He said he wanted to see if it was as deep as he heard it was. He had a long rope, but he never reached the water. He threw some rocks in where he could see the water and said, "I just knew this would reach the water, but it never. Now tell me how you ever got out of there." I said, "By God's help I got out, but without His help it would have been impossible." He said, "Well, it must have been God." I said, "I know it was." He said, "But now you just didn't wait for God to bring you out, did you?" I said, "No. I did all I could. When we do all we can ourselves God will do the rest." I said, "That is what is wrong with people, they are waiting on God to do everything while they do nothing." I believe we are living in a day when we are going to have to do more for God if we claim the promise.

If there is anyone who doubts this, just come out to Erwin Hill church and I will give you all the witness you need.—Mrs. A. P. Edwards, Rt. 2, Calhoun, Ga.

Blessed in Body

BECKLEY, W. Va.—I wish to thank each one who prayed for the healing of my body and especially those who sent encouraging letters and prayer cloths. I am better now and am trusting the Lord to completely heal my body. Please continue to pray for me.—Elsie Cook.

Love can see the best in man, even though she has to look through the worst in him to do so.

WALTER SKUTAR

There has just gone down in history the greatest revival that the Church of God at Concord, N. C., has ever had. We had with us Brother Walter Skutar, a B. T. S. student, of Alliquippa, Pa. He is certainly a man of God. God blessed his ministry in a wonderful way here.

Forty-three were saved, seventeen sanctified, fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-six baptized in water and twenty-seven added to the church. We certainly won some good material for the church. We had wonderful services. Some nights the power of God would fall and there would be no preaching. Other nights the evangelist would just get started preaching when the power of God would fall and the altar would immediately be filled with seekers.—R. Verrico, pastor.

VINE GROVE, Ky.—We are glad to say that we feel the work here at Steel Crossroads is moving on. We came here in December and found some good saints who had a desire to work for the Lord. The W. W. B. has raised money to ceil the church overhead and paint it, also we have started to weatherboard outside. The Y. P. E. raised money to repaper the church. At the present we are in a revival with Brother O. Hayes, of Louisville, Ky., as evangelist.

We have had the full cooperation, I feel, of the W. W. B. and Y. P. E. We have a real fine group of young people. We were glad to have Brothers Cecil Bridges and G. W. Lane with us just before our district convention.

Pray for us; we will remember you in prayer.—George L. Cravens, pastor.

Delkograms

D. H. Delk

GOLDEN TEXT FOR LESSON 12

"We believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved," Acts 15:11.

There are many definitions of GRACE, but an old colored man that had been a slave for forty years was asked what it was, and his answer was, "IT'S GETTING SOMETHING FOR NOTHING."

Grace is that virtue that man couldn't start. All men by nature were children of wrath, but God who is rich in mercy (GRACE) for His GREAT love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in SINS, hath quickened us together with Christ (by grace are ye saved).

Mankind can make laws and demand righteous living, which fail very, very often, but grace gives righteousness to man. "Grace will last, law will blast."

Note first that grace is plentiful. It's manifold. 1 Peter 4:10. The manifold to a motor has an opening to every cylinder. "THERE IS GRACE FOR EVERY NEED."

Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.

A very poor old lady finally was privileged to see the ocean. As she looked out and saw the big waves coming in, she lifted up her voice and said, "THANK THE LORD, HERE COMES ONE THING THERE'S PLENTY OF." Oh, I thank God for grace upon grace. GRACE SPARES THE SINNER; then by GRACE HE IS SAVED.

Second, grace is RICH. Eph. 2:7.

It will take the ages ahead of us to learn how RICH GRACE IS.

Quantity usually lowers the value of anything, but not so in grace.

Grace is the beginning of GLORY. Glory is the end of GRACE.

Third, grace gives sanctified knowledge. Titus 2:11, 12.

Knowledge is but FOLLY unless it is GUIDED BY GRACE. (Herbert.) I wish to add, it's like putting a drunk to the steering wheel.

Fourth, it's the means of perfection. Acts 20:32.

Grace edifies, builds up, until we are rewarded with a place to live in the holy city on a SANCTIFIED STREET.

Once in Florida I hired two fellows (ramblers) to work, and they heard my old crew talking so much RELIGION, one was overheard to say, "WE HAVE LANDED IN A NEST OF HOLY ROLLERS."

Grace will land you where HOLINESS IS POPULAR.

Thank God, some had rather be right than popular.

Fifth, it's the means of DELIVERANCE. 2 Cor. 12:9.

Oh, what precious words, what a refuge, what a holdfast these words are, "MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR THEE."

I had rather have grace in my LIPS than SWEET SCOTCH or THREE THISTLES. Read Psa. 45:2.

An empty vessel makes much noise when struck. A heart full of grace can help you stand hard knocks without grumbling.

Once an old lady said, "I know I love the Lord and believe I am His child, but I dread death." Her pastor failed to give her the comforting word she wanted, but one day an old colored lady said to her, "CHILE, IT'S LIVING GRACE YOU WANT NOW. You'll have dying grace when you need it," and it came true.

By grace Jesus tasted death.

Sixth, it's the ONLY means of salvation.

Eph. 2:8, 9. Grace is MANNA, faith is EATING IT.

Self and selfish works are like Isaiah's bed, "TOO SHORT."

"It is not in man that walketh to direct his (own) steps."

Selfishness is that detestable vice which no one will forgive in others, and no one is without it in himself. (Beecher)

It is good to be a SENIOR or a CHARTER MEMBER IF YOU STAY HUMBLE, but many have gone in the way of Cain. He thought seniority was enough.

Water baptism is good, but it is not enough.

To baptize a living sinner for a dead one is trusting a spider web.

I heard of a preacher hobbying on water baptism and one fellow asked him to preach on "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares," etc., and he broke loose on it, saying, "Plowshares are made out of steel, and axes are made out of steel, and we use them to cut the ice when we go to BAPTIZE," and away he went on water baptism.

Oh, we all love good feelings, but feelings can fool you. WHAT ABOUT ISAAC?

1 Cor. 4:4, R. V., "For I know nothing against myself, yet am I not hereby justified."

A doctor, as he prepared to LANCE a

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Question Box

Question: Will you please explain 1 Peter 4:1, "For he that hath suffered in the flesh ceased from sin"?—*L. N. P.*

Answer: Nothing could be understood by taking this clause alone for it is necessary that we have the entire verse and the verses succeeding it to give us a thorough understanding. Let us read the entire setting, 1 Peter 4:1-4, "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind, for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revelings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you." The teaching in these four verses is very plain, that since Christ has suffered for us and has paid the penalty for sins, then each of us who have put on Christ or have armed ourselves with a like mind, should live no longer after the will of the flesh. Paul in his letter to the Galatians (5:24) gives a very close parallel to this scripture, "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." Since Christ was crucified for us, we may therefore be crucified with Him, and in such a transaction the flesh is therefore crucified; that is, the fleshly desires and carnal appetites are to be subdued through the cross of Christ. Paul also tells us in Rom. 6:4, "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life," showing that there is to be a ceasing from the old life, for those who have accepted Christ are new creatures. Another parallel is the teaching of John in 1 John 3:9, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." The death of Christ, the supreme sacrifice given on the cross, provides a full and complete cure for the sinsick soul, not only curing his ills but providing new life in Christ.

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Question: Will you please explain Rev. 14:19, 20, "And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the

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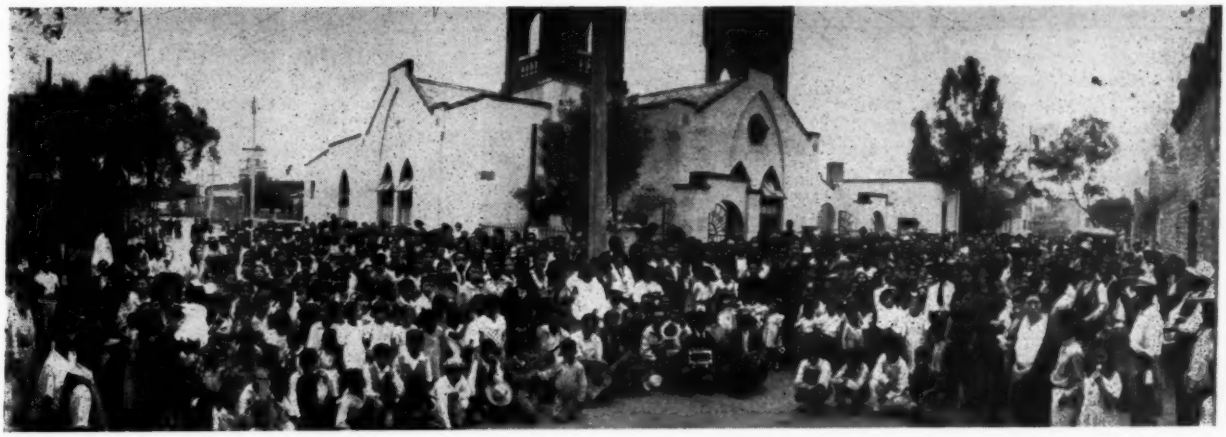
Foreign Missions

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board



Sunday school at the Interdenominational Christian Church in Mexico City, Mexico, with about a thousand present. Some of the people were cut off at the ends of the picture.

The Overspreading of the Pentecostal Doctrine in Mexico

By J. H. Ingram

It is quite a long story, but in order not to take up too much space may it suffice to say, the Pentecostal doctrine was first introduced in Mexico about twenty-two years ago, starting in Mexico City, if I understand it right, and since that time work has been established in most of the twenty-eight states and here are many thousands of followers. Being represented by different movements, some of them independent groups, there are five large centers now in the latter named city, the capital of the Republic.

The Church of God was the last of six great movements to set up its banners in that country and is already a leader in missions and threatens to occupy a place second to none within a few years, if the Lord tarries, and I believe we have suffered as many setbacks as any other group. The fact is, we are meeting with some difficulty right now on account of differences in church polity, etc., but have all confidence that God will iron things out for us. Most of these other groups have Bible schools going and the accompanying picture shows the headquarters of "The Interdenominational Christian Church" in Mexico City, that has been loaned to us for services in that section of the city. According to Brother Archer's last letter, their Bible school facilities have been let to us and our school was to move into these larger and better quarters on May 12.

Our General Overseer and Foreign Mission Board visited this church during their last visit to Mexico, and I was there at service on Sunday night in company with Brother and Sister Archer. I noticed that on that date there were more than a thousand in Sunday school. They usually have from eight to eleven hundred in attendance. Brother Josue Mejia, the pastor and founder, started with around six or seven people, it is said, about as many years ago, and now he claims to have about eighteen thousand followers, there being about forty organized churches among them. They seem to be a clean people, spiritually, and to have the blessings of God upon them in a special way. Lately sixty were baptized in water and forty of them received the baptism of the Holy Ghost while in the water, accompanied by the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance, according to Acts 2:4.

There is a possibility that these people will line up with the Church of God. Please pray for us, every one that reads this, and especially your writer who is appealing directly to the president of the Republic in behalf of our work. We should be humble enough not to get puffed up, however great the victory may be, and at the same time be strong enough not to faint and give up though for a time apparently defeated.

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Dedication of New Church at Fore Hill

Sunday, 13th of April, will live long in the memories of the people at Fore Hill, St. Peters, when the nice new church which Evangelist Tharpe and her people erected, was dedicated to the glory of God and the salvation of souls. At seven minutes until three the writer, accompanied by Bishop C. N. Ford and Rev. Vincent Griffeth, arrived to conduct the ceremony. The door was opened by Bishop J. H. Marshall, and after prayer by Bishop Ford the building was soon filled, with more people outside than would have filled it a second time. The service was commenced by singing that well-known hymn "O God Our Help in Ages Past." The scripture lesson was read by Rev. Griffeth. Sister Tharpe read a statement of the cost of the building, which was around $600.00, with over $300.00 yet to be raised. The building has a seating capacity of around 200. The writer preached the dedicatory sermon, Bishop Ford led the dedicatory exercises, and

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LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy

'Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," **Matt. 24:32.**

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

The recent religious census listed 58 denominations that were unheard of ten years ago. These are mostly the fanatical type but it is a warning to the larger denominations to begin to feed the people who are below the upper bracket. One religious paper stated, "The sects are strongest at those points of doctrine and practice where the denominations are weakest. THEY FLOURISH BY TAKING UP THE THINGS THAT THE GREAT CHURCHES DROP. An analysis of their tenets reveal that they were all once characteristic of the greatest bodies but have now been neglected or discarded. This is a fact of the utmost importance, signifying that the churches are gradually widening the breach between themselves and the plain people." (Herald of Holiness.) This is a sad quotation, sad because it is true. May such never be charged to the Church of God. IF THE HOLY GHOST COMMANDED OUR PREACHERS TO PREACH AND TEACH CERTAIN DOCTRINES TEN YEARS AGO, HE IS NOT APT TO CHANGE THE FAITH AT THIS LATE DAY.

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Another indication of the "heading-up" or confederation idea is to be found in the United Service Organization now being publicized. It is a composite of the Y. M. C. A., The National Catholic Community Service, The Salvation Army, The Y. W. C. A., The Jewish Welfare Board, and the National Traveler's Aid Society. They have pooled and are combining their resources and staffs to provide recreational and spiritual help to our soldier and sailor boys. The idea is good and deserves our whole-hearted support. I mention it merely to show the spirit of merging and confederating that is going on in the world today. WHEN THE CATHOLICS, PROTESTANTS AND JEWS ALL ENDORSE THE SAME RELIGIOUS MOVE AND ALL SUBSCRIBE OF THEIR MEANS, IT MEANS THE MERGING SPIRIT IS IN FULL SWAY.

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A leading educator recently said: "Modern democracy must find some moralizing substitute for religion, SINCE THIS IS LOSING ITS HOLD ON THE PEOPLE. To what shall we look? There is only one place to look, AND THAT IS TO ART AND THE ARTISTIC SENTIMENT. Here lies the source of order, peace, unity, vision, purity, love." The first half of the statement is regrettably true. Religion, as such, is losing rapidly its grip on the hearts of the people. Turning to art, purely as such, is no remedy. All the various branches of art are helpful and conducive to a well-rounded mind. ART CANNOT AND WILL NOT BRING PEACE, UNITY AND LOVE. The remedy? Away with religion and LOOK TO GOD.

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I quote Ripley's Believe It or Not: "The tanks of modern warfare are foretold in the Bible. 'The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways; they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings.' " It is good that men are beginning to see the truth of the Bible.

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The huge plant of the North American Aircraft Corporation, Inglewood, California, was today (June 9) taken over by the Federal Government. This firm held government contracts in the amount of TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS. It employs approximately 9,000 productive employees. A strike was in progress at the time of seizure. THE GOVERNMENT CAN'T BE BLAMED FOR EXERCISING SUCH DRASTIC AUTHORITY IN THESE CRITICAL TIMES. This page has heretofore expressed the opinion that the seizure of plants and the regimentation of labor and capital would ensue UNLESS LABOR AND MANAGEMENT SETTLED THEIR DIFFERENCES SWIFTLY AND WITH AN EYE TO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE. These dictatorial acts are foretold in Scripture, BUT, LET US NOT HASTEN THEIR COMING BY STUBBORNNESS AND BEING INVEIGLED BY COMMUNISTS, NAZIS AND THEIR ILK.

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When the New York World's Fair was presented to the people with the theme, "The World of Tomorrow," some people shuddered at the radical changes in our way of life the fair depicted. Really, here is what is happening to the "World of Tomorrow." The busses that carried the people about the fair grounds are now carrying soldiers about the army camps and to and from the cities they happen to be near to. 40,000 tons of steel used to build that world is going as scrap in the national defense program. The Trylon and Perisphere have been bought by Bethlehem Shipbuilding Company, to be turned into armor plate for battleships. Today has already swallowed up yesterday's tomorrow.

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The present war is coming ever nearer to Palestinian shores. The British Army, jumping off from Palestine, have attacked Syria, controlled by the French. Terrible things are written concerning the inhabitants of Jerusalem and these things must surely come to pass. The "City of Peace" must know more of the ravages of war. The war is coming nearer and nearer the beloved city.

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Six Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Methodist clergymen, endorsing the aims of the "Fight for Freedom Committee," today called for United States intervention in the European war "if, in order to save Britain from defeat, intervention on our part is necessary. We believe the hour is late, that now is the time to help save

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Kansas State Convention, June 26-29 at Coffeyville, Kan.

Reports of Revivals

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—The Church of God at Evansville, Ind., has had a four weeks' revival, which closed May 18, conducted by Rev. Lawrence Gibson, of Eldorado, Ill. Brother Gibson is a young man; his messages are soul-stirring and he has proved a great blessing to our church. The church was greatly revived and is in the best condition it has been in since it has been organized. Some who had grown cold in their experience prayed through. Three were saved, three sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and one added to the church. Pray for the Church of God at Evansville.—McKinley Ary, clerk, 1119 W. Columbia St.

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ARCHIBALD, La.—I have been in a three weeks' revival at Archibald. Two were reclaimed and one came in the church. It was food to my soul. Brother Lee Glasscock did the preaching. I am still on the firing line for God. We love our pastor at Archibald, Brother Roy Gay, and family.—Mrs. Mary Traxles, Rt. 1, Box 110, Rayville, La.

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Old Time Tent Revival

W. LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The W. Louisville church began a revival two weeks ago with Evangelist G. R. Morris and wife, of Glasgow, Ky., doing the preaching. His messages were given out with power and inspiration. Deep and pungent conviction could be seen on the faces of the listeners. Our crowds were great and interest increased. People from other churches came in and received the good blessing of the Lord.

Two have been saved, two sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and others reclaimed. Brother Morris now has his tent located on 13th and Main Street. Our good pastor, Brother Oscar Spears, and wife are in charge of the singing. Evangel readers, please pray much for the work here.—Anna Wilson, clerk.

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PARKERSBURG, W. Va.—We have just closed a wonderful three weeks' revival at South Side Parkersburg, conducted by Wilson Snuffer of Eccles, W. Va. Fifteen were saved, three sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, twelve baptized in water, and four added to the church. The last night of the meeting we had the Lord's Supper and feet washing. We can truthfully say it was an old time revival, because the power of God fell all during the meeting.—Raymond Callahan, pastor, Box 3423, Fort Neal Br., Parkersburg, W. Va.

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THORNTON, Ky.—In regard to the revival at Thornton, Ky., which came to a close in March, conducted by Sister Jessie Mae Rose, of Comfort, W. Va., it was a great success with many souls saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was revived in a great way.—Sister Jessie Mae Rose.

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FIELD, Ky.—God is blessing us in a mighty way here in our little new church at Elex Creek. We have it almost finished. Brother B. H. Enix came Feb. 26 and organized the church with five members, leaving Brother R. T. Tipps to continue the revival. Later we had one more to join the church, but two have moved away, leaving just four members. We are still holding on to God. Our pastor, Brother James I. Adkins, and his wife have just closed a revival. Brother Adkins brought many good messages which just thrilled our souls with joy. Praise the Lord, they were given out with power and inspiration. Conviction could be seen on the faces of the listeners. Four were renewed and one saved. The revival closed with twelve at the altar. We have a wonderful Sunday school here. Pray that our church and Sunday school will increase and go over the top with all its quotas and that God will give us many souls this year.—Mrs. Hazel Hopkins, clerk.

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S. GASTONIA, N. C.—Our revival ran three weeks with great good accomplished. Eternity alone will tell the good that was done. I was not able to attend all the services myself, on account of sickness, but that good man of God, S. C. Chambers, who was conducting the revival, carried on just the same and God heard and answered prayer. Twenty were filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-six baptized in water and thirteen added to the church. Some of those who prayed through were already members of the church. This was the greatest stirring we have had for some time. Pray that God will continue to bless us here and continue to save precious souls.—H. R. Corley, pastor.

BLUE CREEK, Ohio—Just a few words in behalf of the good work that has been done for the Lord. Brother E. B. Varney and Brother Kellogg ran a revival for us and the Lord blessed. Twenty-three were saved, twelve sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, seventeen baptized in water, and twelve added to the church. The revival closed May 29 with the Lord's Supper and feet washing. God put His approval on the work by letting the power fall. We are asking God to send the brothers back to give us another revival some day. May the Lord keep us all with victory in our souls till Jesus comes.—Mrs. Mattie Stepp, leader, Sunshine Church of God, Rt. 1.

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The Church of God at Burlington (Knoxville, Tenn.) just closed a 3 weeks' revival, Brother Noble Stern doing the preaching. Four were saved and one filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was helped a lot. Pray for us that the Lord will help us stay true and be ready to go when He comes.—Mrs. Clarence Buckner, clerk.

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ROBERT, La.—A revival at Roberts Chapel conducted by Brother and Sister Jesse Lane, of Bogalusa, La., May 12-24, was a blessing to us. Brother Lane preached the Word of God with great anointing of the Holy Ghost and power. Several were saved and four were wonderfully baptized with the Holy Ghost. The church was revived as well as sinners brought under conviction.

On May 25 we had a water baptizing with our pastor, Brother H. A. Williams, officiating. There were nine candidates.—Mrs. Juanita Morse, clerk.

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A revival closed at Lawrenceville, Ill., March 2 with twenty-five saved, seventeen sanctified, fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost and five added to the church. —Mrs. Nona Dame, evangelist, W. R. Anderson, pastor.

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McCORMICK, S. C.—In a revival here two were saved, three sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. We had the Lord's supper and feet washing. God blessed our souls. I am on the battlefield for lost souls.—Walter Bagwell, evangelist, Ninety-six, S. C., Rt. 1, c/o A. O. Holder.

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JAL, N. Mex.—Brother Ramsey, our state overseer, conducted a four weeks' revival here. The Holy Ghost was present

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Alabama State Convention, June 26-29 at Alabama City

Requests For Prayer

PRAY FOR—

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these requests it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take these to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf.

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The healing of my husband, he is losing his mind; me that I will have strength to bear my burdens.—Mrs. Leonard Webb, 1824 W. Olive St., Phoenix, Ariz.

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The healing of my body, my nerves are bad.—Mrs. Carrie Coleman, Rt. 1, McRae, Ga.

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The complete healing of my boy, he has had two convulsions lately.—Mrs. Daisy Hinger, 505 S. 5th St., Hamilton, Ohio.

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The healing of my son who has nervous indigestion.—Gennie Shelton, 503 W. High St., Gainesville, Ga.

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The healing of Norma Rose Blackwell who has suffered two months with stomach trouble.—Mrs. T. F. Blackwell, Carriers Mills, Ill.

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Sister Alda Burkholder to be healed of cancer.—Sister Reath, Newville, Pa.

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The healing of my body. The doctor removed a fibroid tumor from my neck and now for one and one-half years I have suffered with another growth on my body like the one I suffered with on my neck.—Sister Silla Hollingsworth, Chickamauga, Ga.

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God to heal me of heart trouble.—Minnie Phillips, Rt. 1, Smyrna, S. C.

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My husband to be healed of stomach trouble.—Oma Woodard, Alarka, N. C.

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My mother-in-law to be healed and saved.—Thomas Briggs, Sloan, Ky.

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My sister-in-law, her health is bad.—Mrs. W. H. Huddleston, Cherokee St., Maryville, Tenn.

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The healing of my little girl who is having chills.—Mrs. Nora Harmon, Rt. 1, Box 23, Isola, Miss.

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Special unspoken request.—Lillian Bryant, Cleveland, Tenn.

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The saving and healing of my mother. —Mrs. E. P. Birchfield, Fletcher, N. C.

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The complete healing of my body. I am much better and am up but my lungs are still giving me trouble, so continue to pray for me.—Mrs. Claude Winters, Harrisburg, Ill.

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The healing of Sister Pearl Walker's body.—Sprinkle Roberts, Iaeger, W. Va.

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The Lord to heal my head.—Veno Mitchell, Anna, Tex.

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The healing of my body of many ailments.—James Bishop, Rt. 2, Brodhead, Ky.

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The healing of my body and throat, something is growing on my tonsil.—Mrs. Eliza Hankins, Pikeville, Tenn.

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Baby Carleton Gaylor who is in a very serious condition to be healed. He has something wrong with his throat and breathing, it seems something is pressing against his windpipe.—Mrs. H. H. Honeycutt, Birmingham, Ala.

Obituaries

BROCK

Mrs. Janie Brock, a member of the Church of God and loving mother, departed this life to be with Jesus April 18, 1941.—Mrs. James Bishop, Brodhead, Ky.

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BENGE

Mrs. Dessie Benge, a faithful member of the Church of God, departed this life April 27, 1941.—Mrs. James Bishop, Brodhead, Ky., Rt. 2.

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DURRETT

Sister Sarah Lou Durrett, a faithful member of the Church of God, departed this life March 16, 1941; age seventy-three years. She was the mother of Sister Glyndon Logsdon, whose husband is pastor of the Church of God at Lemmon, S. Dak.—Miss Hazel Pippin, Lawton, Okla.

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BISHOP

Joel H. Bishop, one of the charter members of the Church of God at this place, was born July 19, 1857, at South Butler, N. Y., and departed this life May 31, 1941. Truly a prince and a great man has fallen. His last word was "Victory." —Glyndon Logsdon, pastor, Lemmon, S. Dak.

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BISHOP

Little Marjoria Bishop departed this life Aug. 30, 1940; age eleven years. She was a faithful Sunday school member.—J. L. Sanders, pastor, Monroe, Ga.

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TOMLIN

Grandma Tomlin of Pell City, Ala., departed this life May 31, 1941. She was loved by all who knew her. Remember her children in prayer.—Darie St. John, Pell City, Ala.

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GRAY

Brother Charley Gray, a faithful member of the Cedar Springs Church of God, went home to be with Jesus May 29, 1941; age thirty-nine years. He fully trusted God for his healing to the end.—Mrs. Wilma Gallaher, Rt. 2, Collinwood, Tenn.

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THOMAS

F. M. Thomas was born in Whitley County, Ky., Dec. 16, 1858, and departed this life May 10, 1941; age eighty-two years. He was converted at the age of seventeen, sanctified later and baptized with the Holy Ghost about 1908. At this time he began his ministry, of which he was faithful until a few years ago when he became feeble. He continued his testimony service until sixteen months ago when he was stricken with paralysis. He was a member of the Church of God about eighteen years and was a charter member of the Mountain Assembly of the Churches of God at its beginning. The church at Williamsburg, Ky., has lost its hero member.—Starling Smith, pastor, 601 Mill St., Williamsburg, Ky.

Church of God Moving On for the Lord in Waynesboro, Pa. Buys New Property

We offer praise to our God who has been so graciously in our midst and who has made it possible for us to purchase our building here at 18 N. Church St., Waynesboro, Pa. We have a fine location for the church, as well as a large building which can be made into apartments. The parsonage is also located in this building.

Every department of the church is coming along fine and God is blessing in every service. On Sunday, May 11, our state overseer, Paul H. Walker, and our state Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendent, Dave Lykens, paid a visit to our church. We enjoyed their fine service and God blessed in a marvelous way. On this night four were saved, one sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. In our Y. P. E. on the following Wednesday night another one was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. On Sunday, May 18, another one was saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Truly, we can say the presence and power of God has been in our midst. We praise our great Savior for all of His blessings and are looking for still greater things from Him who strengthens us.

Please pray for us here in Waynesboro, Pa.—Mrs. Brady Dennis.

CONVENTIONS

Report of Minnesota-Wisconsin Convention

We praise God for His goodness to us during this convention, for surely He met with us in a marvelous way, and we are looking to Him for His continued blessings throughout the remainder of the year.—Earl Schultze, Pine River, Minn.

We shall never be able to express what a blessing the Minnesota-Wisconsin convention has been to us. It has encouraged us to work harder to help the Church of God move onward. Pray for us in Wisconsin and Minnesota.—Evelyn Upton, Waupun, Wis.

The blessings of the Lord were poured out in a special way during the convention. A wonderful spirit was manifested from the very first service. It was the best convention I have ever attended. Praise God!—Beula Isaacson, Herman, Minn.

This is the first Church of God convention I have ever attended and I must say that it has been a time of godly blessings. The business sessions as well as the services have been filled with His presence. We return to our fields with a fresh determination to work for God and His Church.—Jeanette Orr, Waupun, Wis.

The 1941 Minnesota and Wisconsin convention went over the top with its entire program. Hallelujah! The entertainment was fine. The messages and singing were Holy-Ghost-anointed. Our beloved state overseer, David Lemons, conducted the convention in such a way that I can't help but say that it was the best convention that we've ever had.—Violette M. Olson, Herman, Minn.

This has been one of the most enjoyable conventions that I have ever attended. We praise God for His wonderful presence that was manifested throughout the entire convention.—Elvie Kicker, Jenkins, Minn.

This was the best convention, from every standpoint, that we have ever had in Minnesota. The mission offering far exceeded our expectations, and the messages were freighted with love. Surely God honored every effort of His people.—Charles Van Dorn, Staples, Minn.

It has been my privilege to attend larger conventions in the Southland, but never one of greater simplicity and devotion. From all indications, we believe that Minnesota and Wisconsin are getting ready to do a great work for God and His Church. — Jas. Donnie Timms, Marshfield, Wis.

I enjoyed the convention immensely for the presence and power of God was there from the beginning. The messages brought by Brother R. P. Johnson, our Assistant General Overseer, were both scriptural and inspirational. We praise God for men like Brother Johnson, and our state overseer, Rev. D. L. Lemons.—Henry A. Bober, Jenkins, Minn.

This has been the most enjoyable convention that I have ever attended. Truly it has been a blessing to my soul. God met with us in a gracious way, and I am sure that every worker as he returns to his field of labor will do so with a greater determination to win souls for God.—Mildred Halberg, Waupun, Wis.

It is with great pleasure that I express the joy and inspiration I received at the convention held at Staples, Minnesota. The business of the church was carried out harmoniously. The sweet memory of this convention shall remain with me as I labor in His vineyard during the coming months.—A. A. Orr, Waupun, Wis.

To these ministerial testimonials of the Minnesota-Wisconsin state convention, I wish to add an expression of appreciation for the cooperative and zealous spirit manifested by both ministry and laity. Each sermon and song seemed to carry God's special blessing for that special time. Rev. R. P. Johnson's messages were both instructive and inspirational. His ministry was appreciated by all beyond our power to express. The Lord was with us and "we knew it."—D. L. Lemons, overseer.

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BEHOLD WHAT GOD HATH WROUGHT!

Report of District Conventions from North Carolina

Earl P. Paulk, state overseer

In the beginning of this year, we asked the good Lord to give us $3,000.00 in our district conventions for missions. Now that God has graciously and abundantly answered our prayers, and has done more than we even asked Him to, we feel that we would like to tell the world about it and thereby endeavor to glorify His matchless name.

Instead of just getting $3,000.00, He gave, through His loyal people of North Carolina, $3,342.15, which is an average for the ten conventions of $334.21½. The one thing above all that is so inspiring about this is that half goes for foreign missions to tell the poor heathens about this wonderful salvation and the other half is kept here in North Carolina to wage a campaign in *NEW FIELDS* against the devil and all of his works, and *to open new works where the Church of God has never been organized.*

The following are the districts, district overseers, and amounts given to missions:
Erwin, J. L. Underwood, $102.28.
Gastonia, H. R. Corley, $300.45.
Wilmington, V. D. Combs, $215.25.
Charlotte, W. M. Stallings, $307.00.
Lenoir, Geo. D. Lemons, $553.05.
Kannapolis, U. D. Tidwell, $1,012.72.
Greensboro, Ralph W. Tedder, $275.40.
Asheville, J. M. Hodge, $411.00.
Rocky Mount, J. R. Campbell, $104.00.
Hayesville, J. H. Daniels, $61.00.
Total, $3,342.15.

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Smithers, W. Va., District Convention

On Friday evening the pilgrims of the Smithers district began to assemble for their annual district convention. The presence of the Lord was already with us as we had been in a wonderful revival with Brother Russell Ford, of Baltimore, Md., doing the preaching for about four weeks.

The convention was opened by Brother J. A. Whitlow, pastor of the Smithers church, and also our district overseer. Brother M. P. Cross, our esteemed state overseer, was at his best as moderator of the convention. His presence added much to this great annual feast.

The following brought messages during the convention: Mrs. Edith Sells, Sam Cowley, L. W. Davis, Brother Vance, Brother Eades, Brothers Russell Ford, C. B. Clark, C. R. Simmons, Sister Jessie Mae Rose, Sister Marrs, Sister Cross, Brother Statum, Sister Dovie Coats, Brother H. E. Sells, Brother M. P. Cross.

Our good people gave $200.67 to the mission cause. Truly God was in this service. We, the local church at Smithers, were glad to have this wonderful gathering in our community.—Mrs. J. H. Pell, Smithers, W. Va.

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Illinois State Convention

The best state convention that I have attended for several years convened at Benton, Ill., May 22-25. The Spirit of the Lord came down and took charge and shouts and praises went up to the Lord. Brother Harris, our overseer, had a well-arranged program and every speaker was at his best and not one failure was made. The presence of Brother R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, and family added so much to the convention. Brother Johnson's messages were uplifting and instructive, also the messages and interpretations by the Spirit were very encouraging to the saints.

Sunday was the great day of the convention—mission day. Brother Johnson brought a wonderful sermon on "The Work of the Church as a Missionary

Church." As the Spirit was working, the offerings from the churches and individuals came in. Money just seemed to rain down, and when the final count was made there was given $2,052. Where did it all come from? We have an overseer who worked hard for the mission cause, and so did the good loyal ministers and laymembers who were with him in this great work. About $500 more was given for missions this year than last year. The work is moving on in Illinois by the untiring efforts of our overseer. He is doing his best.

Visitors were present from Maine and Oklahoma; also Brother Cox, overseer of Indiana, was with us.

The amount of money raised during the convention was: missions, $2,052; orphanage, $54.29; state overseer, $43.24; and other items, amounting to $2,172.57.

The entertainment by the Benton church and surrounding churches was fine. Long live the memory of the 1941 convention.—P. F. Fritz, 1406 S. 10th St., Mt. Vernon, Ill.

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Baltimore, Md., District Y. P. E. and Sunday School Convention

The Baltimore district Y. P. E. and Sunday school convention convened at Baltimore, Md., May 17, 18. The convention was opened by the state Y. P. E. and Sunday school president, Sister Alva Mae McClure. The Lord blessed the service. Every Y. P. E. and Sunday school on the district was represented. The mission offering was $25.09.

Sunday morning our state overseer, W. J. Milligan, preached an inspiring message on Sunday school work. The afternoon service was glorious. God blessed and the presence of the Holy Ghost was so real that several sought this great blessing. An offering was given to the orphans amounting to $26.09.

A district rally will be held at Hagarstown Saturday, June 21. Service will begin at 7:30.—Blanche Penner, district Y. P. E. and Sunday school president.

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Pittsburg, Kans., District Convention

The Pittsburg district convention convened at Weir, Kans., May 16-18, with our beloved state overseer, Brother Wilma Henry, in charge. This was the greatest district convention we ever attended. The Lord blessed from the beginning to the end. The good people came from all over the state. There are only three churches on this district—Kansas City, Weir, and Pittsburg—but all the churches in Kansas were represented except one, and a goodly number came from Missouri and one from Arkansas.

The music rendered was enjoyed by all. There were duets, trios, and quartets. Brother Collins, of Independence, directed the choir. The preaching in general was the best we ever heard in a district convention. Those bringing messages were Brother H. W. Pugh, of Coffeyville; Sister Caldwell, of Wichita; Brother W. A. Ledford, of Arkansas; Brother Ralph Acredge, of Pratt; Brother Law, of Joplin, Mo.; Sister Maud Vandeford, of Kansas City; Brother J. T. Campbell, of Wichita; Brother Wilma Henry, our state overseer. Many other good ministers were present.

The mission offering, which amounted to $115.38, was the largest mission offering ever given in Kansas, in either a state or district convention. We believe the people of Kansas have a mind to work. Sister Anna Volk, state Y. P. E. president, reports a good work going on in this district. Of course, many other good things were said and done that are not mentioned.

The convention came to a close with the good people determined to work hard and looking forward to a wonderful time at the state camp meeting and convention at Coffeyville, June 23-29.

Brother M. H. Durbin, overseer of this district, was present with his big smiles. We appreciate Brother and Sister Durbin and our state overseer, Brother Wilma Henry, and family for their untiring efforts. Kansas is making great progress this year, for which we thank the Lord.—W. R. Bolte.

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District Convention Report

We are happy to report a success in our district convention on the Rocky Mount, N. C., district. The Spirit of the Lord was there in a great way. Our good overseer, Brother Earl P. Paulk, delivered some wonderful messages that will be remembered by those who listened and enjoyed them. Several other good messages were delivered by some of our good ministers.

Our mission offering was $104.00, three times as much as last year's, for which we praise God.

God is surely working for us on this dstrict and we have one of the sweetest spirits of cooperation ever enjoyed in this part of the state. All churches are making progress. Pray for us.—J. Ray Campbell, district pastor, Box 405, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

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Ranger, Tex., District Convention

The Church of God district convention for the Ranger district convened May 23-25, at Ranger, Tex., with Rev. T. W. Godwin, state overseer, and Rev. M. E. Drake, district overseer, in charge.

Sermons preached during the convention were: "Hewn-Out Cisterns," by J. E. Green, pastor at Strawn; "Does It Make Any Difference?" by A. R. Mitchell, pastor at Stephenville; "The Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Error," by T. M. White, Graham, Tex.; "A Great Salvation," by L. C. Pennington, Jal, N. Mex.; and "Government," by T. W. Godwin. Special talks on Sunday school and Y. P. E. were made by state Sunday school and Y. P. E. superintendent president, Vessie D. Hargrave; district superintendent, C. W. Drake, and Y. P. E. presidents of the district. Special talks on Willing Workers were made by the state president, Sister T. W. Godwin, and the presidents of the churches of the district.

Special music and songs were rendered by the young people of Strawn and Ranger churches. Truly, the district thanks the Lord for such a fine talent. A special offering amounting to $25.12 was taken.

In all, we think this was the best convention ever held on the Ranger district and we thank the Lord for His blessings, our state and district officials and the good fellowship that exists on the district, and desire your prayers that Ranger district will be able to do more for God and that souls will be saved in the revivals that are being started on the district. —Sister Magdalyn Kitchens, convention clerk, Strawn, Tex.

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Carrollton, Ga., District Convention

The Carrollton district convention for 1941 convened at the Carrollton, Ga., Church of God May 2-4. A good delegation represented the district's churches throughout the convention and on Sunday an overflowing crowd was present.

Seven of the district's eleven churches reported over the top with their dollar-per-member mission quota and five were over the top with all their state quotas. Prospects were good for the remainder to be over by the state convention. The mission offering for the district was $100.34, nearly three times that of last year, and the orphanage offering was $22.50, which was also an increase over last year.

Good reports came in from the different churches which showed progressiveness, and for the most part they seemed to be moving along fine, spiritually.

Following is a list of the speakers at the convention: Revs. W. W. Ball, Clyde N. Bolts, C. G. Paschal, H. L. Whittington, L. C. Caldwell, A. V. Beaube, and Sister A. V. Beaube. Every message delivered was full of godly wisdom and fraught with divine power. Great rejoicing was manifested throughout the convention.—Chas. G. Paschal, convention clerk.

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Westernport, Md., Y.P.E. And S. S. Convention

The Y. P. E. and Sunday school district convention was held at Westernport, Md., May 24, 25.

Robert Humbertson, a member of our Junior Y. P. E., gave a talk on "Missions." Following this an offering of $8.05 was taken for missions. The orphanage offering was approximately $5.00.

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Notes of Praise

My heart is made glad through the love of Jesus. I'm an Italian, but I have found the love of Jesus and the Church of God to be real. I was afflicted in a way I have never been before. My body became paralyzed and I was unable to move hand or foot. I fell in my living room where I lay for three hours. I called for our pastor, Brother Morris. He and Brother Dennis came and prayed for me. All at once they told me to get up. Instantly the Lord touched me and I came to my feet shouting the victory. Surely whatever your trouble is God will answer prayer. Pray that I may be a greater blessing to my loved ones who are yet in darkness so they, too, may see the good things of God.—Sister Amtonia Petrore, Johnstown, Pa.

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I praise the Lord for what He means to my family and me, also for His great healing power. My little five-year-old boy was taken ill with high fever. I asked the dear Savior to heal him and he is lots better. Please pray for the Lord to completely heal him and for my family to ever be found doing the Lord's will.—Hattie Mae Mathis, Rt. 1, Madison, Fla.

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SHANNON, Ga.—I am glad I can trust the Lord for He is my shepherd and I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, He leadeth me beside still waters. He knows everything about us, trials, troubles, and sickness. When things look dark He lets us lie down in green pastures beside the still waters. Then we feel good in our souls. He will take us to our eternal home if we will obey Him. We thank the Lord for our pastor, Brother and Sister J. R. Chambers. Pray for us.—Your sister in Christ, Lexie Pilcher.

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TALLADEGA, Ala.—I praise the Lord because I can remember the time and place I received the Holy Ghost about six years ago. I am trusting Him each day and I know His grace is sufficient to take me through the perilous times we are facing. We have been told these things would come and how wonderful to have the Savior to look to when the waves roll high. The greatest trouble man has ever witnessed is now at our door. What can man do? Pray to God that we may be able to stand. Remember me in prayer.—Archie L. Nixon, Rt. 4.

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I praise the Lord because I have salvation and find happiness and joy in serving Him every day, also for His wonderful healing power. He has healed my body many times in the last five years for which I thank Him. Just recently He healed my stomach for which I praise Him now. Pray for me to be true.—Geneva Kennedy, 35 Seventh St., Judson, Greenville, S. C.

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CARMI, Ill.—I thank the Lord for the Holy Ghost and His healing power. My husband, five children and I have been healed many times. I was healed when I was at death's door with appendicitis, also when I had inflammatory rheumatism. We thank the Lord for our pastor, Rev. J. L. Summers, and family. —Mrs. Arlie Crayne.

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PLANT CITY, Fla.—About five years ago the Lord wonderfully saved, sanctified, and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and I joined the Church of God. Since then the Lord has healed me many times. Please pray for my grandfather to be saved and that I may stand true.—Your sister in Christ, Dorothy Mae Braswell.

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THONOTOSASSA, Fla.—About six months ago I was sick. The doctor had no hope for me. The Lord healed me and gave me the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for it. Please pray for my mother, daddy, and sister.—Your sister in Christ, Stella Mae Goodman.

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PONTIAC, Mich.—I praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. It is my desire to trust the Lord. He healed my baby when she was very sick.—Mrs. Viola Risinger, Rt. 1.

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I thank the Lord for the joy I feel in my soul today and for the love I have for others. I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. He saved, sanctified, and filled me with the Holy Ghost which abides tonight. I praise Him for the determination to trust Him for both soul and body. He means so much to me. I meet with trials and temptations every day but the Lord is with me and is able to help me overcome. Jesus said that if we love Him and keep His commandments we could ask whatsoever we will and He would give it.

Pray for my loved ones and friends who are out in sin, also for me to be humble, faithful and true. Then I can say, I fought a good fight, I finished the course, I kept the faith and at the end of the way I will have joy in my soul.—Mrs. P. H. Rogers, Lacoochee, Fla.

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SHAW, Miss.—Praise God for healing me of flu and giving back my hearing which I had lost in one ear. I am happy for I know our God is a great God.—Mary Monroe, Box 44.

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CHICAGO, Ill.—Praise God for healing my mother of pneumonia after the doctor had given her up. Then her heart almost failed and the doctor gave her up, but God healed her. She is well, only old and feeble. Praise God.—Amelia Shumaker, 3159 W. Monroe St.

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RINGGOLD, Ga.—Praise God for old time salvation. I praise Him for His healing power. April, 1940, I was so ill I could not sit up at all. The doctor said I had T.B. in the last stage and would never be up any more. I called for our pastor to come and pray. I got some better, but not healed. I sent a request to the Evangel and received several anointed cloths, and praise God, He heard and answered prayer and raised me up! I am able to do all my housework now. Sometime in February my son had the flu, almost pneumonia, but praise God, in answer to prayer he was healed.

I have had the blessing six years and the way seems to grow sweeter each day. Please pray for me that God will provide some way for me to go to church and Sunday school. I get so hungry to hear the real gospel.—Mrs. Nora B. Hill, Rt. 1.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.—Dear Evangel Readers: Truly I praise God for salvation. I was so sick that I sent to Mr. T. L. Little, Washington, Rt. 3, for an anointed handkerchief, and he sent it. I laid it on in Jesus' name and I was healed.—Bertha Cobb (colored).

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SMITTIVILLE, Ark.—Dear brothers and sisters, I want to state that I sent a request for my son to be delivered from prison last year, and I truly thank God and all who prayed. He was delivered last December. We truly have a prayer-answering God.—Mrs. Delta Raney, Rt. 1.

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JENSEN, Fla.—Dear saints, I was sick for many years with kidney trouble. I have been prayed for many times. I sent to Cleveland for an anointed handkerchief and they sent me one. I laid it on my body and the pain went at once and I have been feeling better ever since. I believe the Lord is going to heal me completely. Just pray for me that all pain and sickness may leave and never come back. —Solomon Mackey (colored).

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COOKEVILLE, Tenn.—I truly praise God for each and every thing He means to me. I am so glad because I can report

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Leaves From the Fig Tree

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England with ships, guns, food, planes, and such armed forces as are necessary for victory." I suppose these "Reverend Divines" are ready to lead the way in bearing their breasts to the foes. It is mighty easy to urge others to go, but it is different to leave comfortable jobs to enter the fray.

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A great many men and women are dying sudden and violent deaths these days. The fact that one more is to die in Berlin, Germany, is perhaps not very interesting. Yet it is interesting, too. HE IS GOING TO DIE BECAUSE HE LISTENED TO THE RADIO. He is a German, you see, and the program to which he listened came from outside that country. SO, BECAUSE HE WAS CAUGHT BY THE POLICE LISTENING, HE HAS TO DIE. This is official, from the official news agency in Berlin. Yea, the old order changeth.

Perilous Times

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with its 50,000 members teaches that there is no hell. Communism has 80,000 members in the U. S. A. with headquarters in Russia. Mormonism with its 672,007 members teaches marriage contrary to the New Testament doctrine. Formalism is in number as the sand of the sea. The apostle Paul said, "Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof: FROM SUCH TURN AWAY." 2 Tim. 3:5. Amen.

DELKOGRAMS

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boil, said, "I will first freeze it." But the party told me it felt like he set FIRE to it.

One fellow seemed to think because he bought a twenty-five-dollar pulpit Bible for a church that the PEARLY GATES WILL SWING OPEN FOR HIM.

Seventh, it's for all. Titus 2:11.

Grace is for the white, black, high, low, Jew, Gentile, rich, poor, etc.

Oh, I praise God for His GRACE. Two doctors, as they passed through a hospital, came by the bed of an old man whose recovery seemed hopeless. One spoke to the other in Latin, saying, "Let's make an experiment with this worthless body." But the old man also knew Latin, and he looked up in the doctor's face and said, "FOR THIS WORTHLESS BODY CHRIST JESUS DIED."

Cheer up saints, 'TWAS GRACE THAT BROUGHT US SAFE THUS FAR, AND GRACE WILL LEAD US ON. Amen.

REVIVALS

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and anointed the speaker night after night. We had some wonderful preaching, however there wasn't such a large number who received the blessing, but some were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and the sa nts stirred and refilled with the love of God. The Ramsey band and the Jal quartet rendered some good specials. We had good attendance and much good was done.—Fred Cooper.

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HUDSON, Fla.—We just closed a successful revival here. Nine were saved, seven sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church. Brother W. F. Hudson is pastor. God certainly is blessing his efforts.—John H. McDowell.

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KEY WEST, Fla.—Rev. E. Clayton Thomas of Otis, Fla., conducted us a revival for two and one half weeks. Six were saved, five sanctified, and five filled with the Holy Ghost. Souls are still being saved, pray that many souls will be won.—Sister Hollis Knowles

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E. DETROIT, Mich.—I praise God for the way He has blessed at East Detroit. Two weeks ago we closed a seven weeks' revival. Sister Austin, assisted by Sister Black, was the evangelist, also Brother Raymond Crowley preached several times during the meeting. Their messages were enjoyed by all.

The church was greatly revived, three were filled with the Holy Ghost one night, many other souls were saved and blessed. We had baptismal service May 18. Eleven were baptized and twelve united with the church and there were four transfers.

We thank the Lord for our pastor, Brother Carl Milligan, and his good wife. Please pray that God will continue to bless our church as we have so many young people seeking God for a deeper experience.—Mrs. Lucy Edwards, Y. P. E. president.

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BESSEMER CITY, N. C.—A tent revival in Bessemer City is being conducted by the pastor, W. D. Moody, two blocks from the Church of God. The Lord is blessing in a wonderful way. Some are getting saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Everybody is invited to come help us win souls. Bring your music and help us sing.

Our revival will continue through June 8, which will be our home-coming day. We are also getting ready to lay our foundation for our new church. Thank the Lord!—W. D. Moody, pastor.

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TOCCOA, Ga.—We have just closed a wonderful revival here under a large tent with Brother F. C. Atkinson as evangelist. Twenty-two were saved, seven sanctified, three baptized with the Holy Ghost, seven sanctified, three baptized in water, and five added to the church. Brother Atkinson is a man of God and filled with the old time Holy Ghost power. It seemed every sermon he preached was under the power of the Holy Ghost.

We really thank the Lord for the way He blessed us in the revival and supplied the needs of this meeting. We paid Brother Atkinson $100 for the two weeks' meeting and I am glad to say we don't regret it one bit as the church has been wonderfully blessed by his coming here.

We are now building a new church here in Toccoa. It will be a nice size, 36x64. It will have rest rooms, Sunday school rooms and a pastor's study. We hope to have it completed and ready to dedicate within the next few weeks. Pray for us that God will continue to supply our needs and help us complete this nice building.— W.H. Godwin, pastor; R. Q. Brown, clerk.

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McVEIGH, Ky.—A four weeks' revival came to a close at the Church of God at McVeigh, Ky., May 11. It was a great success. We found the church in fine condition for a revival. Brother Edd Cox is pastor there and he surely is a fine man to work with. The work is making splendid progress under his leadership. Nineteen were saved, fourteen sanctified, seventeen baptized with the Holy Ghost, nineteen baptized in water and nineteen were added to the church in this revival.—Ivan R. Stone, Corbin, Ky.

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SHEPHERDS FOLD, La. — We are glad to report victory through the blood. Satan's stronghold has been broken and the Pentecostal fire is falling in our midst. Our state overseer, Brother A. H. Batts, conducted a six nights' meeting for us here at Shepherds Fold and thirty-two were saved and thirty filled with the Holy Ghost. We were made to sit together in heavenly places. The young and old danced together and magnified God. Brother Batts' messages were God-inspired and the Holy Ghost witnessed several times with messages and interpretations. Hearts were stirred and tears streamed down the faces of people who had never seemed touched before. We are expecting a landslide of glory sent from our Father. Brother Batts' duties called him elsewhere, but the fire continues to fall. Conviction is on the people and the altar is filled with hungry souls crying out for mercy. Oh, it does our hearts good to see how marvelously God works. Truly nothing is impossible with Him.

We appreciate Brother and Sister Batts and our good pastor, Brother O. L. Mcmanus, and his family. — Mrs. Alvin Bruhl, Lee Road, Covington, La.

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CHATTAHOOCHEE, Ga.—Truly we can say the Lord has done great things

for us at Riverside. Even unbelievers will confess that surely God is with us. Every department of the church is progressing under the leadership of our good pastor, Brother G. R. Watson, and wife. We hope we can have them with us until Jesus comes.

We have just closed a wonderful revival with Brother Hammonds doing the preaching. He was anointed of God for each service, and gave out some real Holy-Ghost sermons. A large number were saved and sanctified, about twenty filled with the Holy Ghost, and fifteen added to the church. Four more have come in since the revival. We thank the Lord for each one. We have around two hundred members now and they are coming in pretty fast, so we will soon have many more. We thank God for the many good friends of the church who are helping to put the program over for God. We have a good attendance each service, and extra good attendance Sunday nights, with an altar full of people seeking God. —Mrs. Mary Smith.

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QUESTION BOX

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space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs?"—*C. H.*

Answer: To get a clearer understanding of these two verses, it might be well for the reader to go back to the 14th verse. This is a vision of the battle of Armageddon. It might be noted that in the 15th verse the angel cried, "For the harvest of the earth is ripe." Again, in the 18th verse, "The clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe," thus signifying that the time of reaping had come. When a harvest is ripe it must be reaped else it will be ruined. In other words, it has gone the limit in maturity. So the great tribulation which has broken down upon the earth, has gone the limit and the time has come for God's wrath against the antichrist and his followers to put an end to the great calamity which has befallen men, thus the termination, the battle of Armageddon, is called the winepress of the wrath of God. For a picture of this terrible calamity read Rev. 19:17-21; Ezek. 38:21-23.

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Question: Please explain Matt. 24:29-31.—*W. H. C.*

Answer: The words "immediately after the tribulation of those days" show that the event described is after the great tribulation which is to be upon the earth during the last three and one-half years of the antichrist reign. This terrible tribulation terminates with the sun being darkened, the moon not giving her light, the stars falling, etc. This evidently takes place during the visitation of God's wrath. The appearance of the Son of man in heaven is His coming to His kingdom in the clouds of glory, and the elect of earth are those who have stood true during the tribulation and accepted Christ as the Messiah and are ready to go out with Him into the millennuim in His literal kingdom upon the earth.

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Question: Please explain St. John 4:14 and 6:35. If these scriptures are true, how is it that people can backslide?—*L. H.*

Answer: Let us read the scriptures cited. John 4:41, "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst: but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." John 6:35, "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." In both of these passages the element of salvation is described, in the first as water and in the second as water and bread. In Matt. 4:4 Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Thus the spiritual bread, by which man lives, is the Word of God. In John 6:51 Jesus said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." It was this transaction that provided the plan of salvation and that plan we know as God's Word, and Jesus said, "Now ye know these things; happy are ye if ye do them." This applies to all of God's Word and it is only in obeying His Word that we have salvation.

Mission Page

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Rev. Griffeth offered prayer. Now with this nice new building we shall expect to hear good reports from Fore Hill church in the days to come.

Dear ones, pray for us in this your needy field of Barbados.—J. B. Winter, overseer of Barbados, B. W. I.

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Quarterly Meeting, Barbados

The second quarterly meeting for the year 1941 was held on Sunday, 6th of April, when twenty-two of the stations in the Island were represented.

At 8 a. m. we met at the Brighton Beach for the baptismal service, when twenty-four dear ones followed their Master in water baptism. At 10 a. m. the service at the Eckstein church began. The building was well filled, and after a rousing praise service we had a time of united prayer, and then the reports were given. Thirteen of the local churches were able to report souls saved during the quarter, and revealed the fact that eighty-one seekers had been to our altars seeking salvation during the last three months. There is a good spirit among our people, and the crowds are still with us, for which we thank God. Now that the busy crop time is over for another year, we are looking forward to revivals among the country stations.

Conventions

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This was the first convention of that kind. God was with us in a mighty way and we are looking forward to more conventions and greater blessings. We ask an interest in the prayers of every saint.—Miss Louise Van Meter, Box 188, Luke, Md.

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Huntington, W. Va., Dist. Conv'n.

The Huntington, W. Va., district convention convened at Huntington May 23-25, inclusive, with Rev. M. P. Cross, state overseer, presiding, and Rev. D. B. Hatfield, district overseer, ably assisting. The convention came at the close of a three weeks' series of meetings conducted by the B. T. S. Trio. They were the chief musicians of the convention. Huntington church enjoyed their valuable service.

All the speakers of the convention, including district pastors and visiting ministers, were at their best and the convention was made unusually interesting by the wonderful account of Brother Cross' mission' trip to Haiti. Mrs. Cross' wonderful message on "Stripped for the Race" came as a fitting climax for the convention on Sunday afternoon and was enjoyed by everyone present. It was, in fact, a "high spot" of the convention.

So far as the financial end of it was concerned, Huntington went over the top in the mission drive. Last year we did ourselves "proud" by doubling our $35.00 mission offering of the previous year. This year we doubled that of last year—the mission offering of the previous year. This credit is due, in the largest measure, to the untiring efforts of our pastor and district overseer, Brother Hatfield, whose work for the mission cause netted the Huntington church alone $79.83. We are grateful for his service.—Mrs. Lindsay C. Davis, clerk.

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Notes of Praise

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victory in my soul over sin. I am so thankful because the Lord thought me worthy of salvation and picked me up out of the path of sin and sanctified and gave me the good Holy Ghost.

I thank God for the church here at Brindleys Chapel. Pray for us, that we will continue in the Lord's will and that more young people will be brought to the Lord.—Miss Ruby Jewell Lee, Rt. 2.

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